

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
vs.)	Case No. 4:21-cr-190 SEP
)	
RAYMOND COOPER,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Before the Court is the Report and Recommendation (R&R) of United States Magistrate Judge Stephen R. Welby (Doc. [117]). On March 1, 2023, Defendant filed a pro se motion titled “Pro Se Motion Objections Under Rule 12(b)(2)” (Doc. [106]), and on March 10, 2023, Defendant filed another pro se motion titled “Pro Se Motion to Challenge Jurisdiction” (Doc. [107]). On April 2, 2023, Defendant’s counsel filed a Motion to Dismiss Indictment/Counts and Challenge Jurisdiction (Doc. [113]) in which he also asked to withdraw Defendant’s pro se motions. The Government filed its response on April 12, 2023 (Doc. [114]), and this Court referred the matter back to Magistrate Judge Welby pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) for consideration of the newly filed motion to dismiss (Doc. [115]).

On May 2, 2023, Judge Welby filed an R&R recommending that the Court deny the Motion to Dismiss Indictment/Counts and Challenge Jurisdiction (Doc. [113]) and grant leave to withdraw the Defendant’s pro se motions (Docs. [106] and [107]). Judge Welby further recommends that the Court deny all requests set forth in Defendant’s *pro se* filings in this matter. Defendant objects to the R&R by raising the same arguments made before Judge Welby. *See* Doc. [117]. After de novo review of all filings related to this matter, this Court agrees with Judge Welby’s well-reasoned R&R and adopts it in full.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge (Doc. [117]) is **SUSTAINED, ADOPTED, AND INCORPORATED** herein.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that leave to withdraw Defendant Raymond Cooper’s *pro se* motions (Docs. [106] and [107]) is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant's Motion to Challenge Jurisdiction and Dismiss Indictment (Doc. [113]) is **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all requests set forth in Defendant Raymond Cooper's pro se filings are **DENIED**. Defendant's counsel remains free to file any motions he believes to be timely and meritorious.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that the Jury Trial in this matter is set for **August 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 16N**.

Dated this 9th day of June 2023.



SARAH E. PITLYK
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE